GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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HARVESTING OF RAIN WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any policy to preserve the rain water in Monsoon in several barrages for further use in the lean period for agricultural activities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) The National Water Policy lays down that water resources available in the country should be brought within the category of utilisable resources to the maximum possible extent. Accordingly, since independence, with a judicious combination of major, medium & minor storage dams and diversion structures including barrages, storage of 177 billion cubic metres has been created in the country which is utilized in the lean season and an irrigation potential of 99.76 million hectares is anticipated to have been created by the end of the Ninth Five Year Plan.